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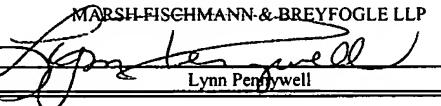
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. patent application, Applicants request entry
of the following preliminary amendment.

Amendments to the specification begin at Page 2 of this letter.

Amendments to the Claims begin at Page 3 of this letter.